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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Meeting with NIO/ME Concerning PRD
Middle East Papers

1. As requested by the DCI, I met yesterday afternoon with [] to discuss the recent Review of DIA and interagency papers on [] and on the addendum to that Review concerning USIB's revision of the [] SNIE [] and I agreed on the following:

a. The PRD Review should be slightly sanitized (principally to eliminate names of some of the people interviewed) and given to General Graham by the DCI during the course of a private conversation.

b. During this conversation, the DCI should note, in addition to his remarks about the problems presented by the DIA Warning Appraisal, that USIB's recent hasty revision of the SNIE at the conference table at General Graham's behest was faulty procedure and led to an unfortunate amendment of the SNIE.

c. A thoroughly revised revision of the PRD Review of the Warning Appraisal should be issued for USIB consideration, this new paper to emphasize procedural matters rather than specific substantive deficiencies.

d. It might be wise, in addition, for either [] or [] informally to approach Graham to extend an invitation for a meeting with the DCI and to let Graham know in advance about the critical comments of the PRD Review.

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2. I would expect our revised paper concerning the Warning Appraisal (proposal c. above) to make two specific recommendations to USIB:

a. Departmental publications dealing with subjects already treated during the same period by national issuances should refer to the earlier publication and specifically identify new major differences in treatment and conclusions.

b. USIB principals who propose major changes in the conclusions of an NIE or SNIE during USIB meetings should, if there has been little or no forewarning of such proposals, request that the paper under consideration be remanded for possible revision in the light of new evidence; USIB itself should not assume the responsibility for assessing the veracity of important new information without adequate advance preparation. (When time is of the essence, the NIOs should be able to work quickly with their colleagues to make appropriate changes and then could seek telephonic concurrence from the USIB principals.)

3. If the above proposals are acceptable, there is no reason why we could not proceed to let General Graham know about our unvarnished review right away, depending of course on his and the DCI's schedule. But revision of the review article, which I think I would like to do myself, will--especially in view of the press of other business--take a little time.

[Redacted Signature]

Chief, PRD/IC

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